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AUDIO SIGNAL DECODING DEVICE, AND
METHOD AND PROGRAM THEREOF
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 - e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
- U.S. Patent No. 5,680,464 corresponds to JP 8-275300; and
WO 98/03036 and U.S. Patent No. 6,771,777 correspond to JP 2000-505266.**
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Respectfully submitted,

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